

(absolute clerical rule), is the main apparatus of repression, the primary driver of war and export of terrorism, and responsible for pursuing nuclear weapons and missile projects. The IRGC also controls the lion's share of Iran's economy.

It is no wonder that the religious fascism ruling Iran, its apologists and mercenaries have become terrified of IRGC's designation.

Mrs. Rajavi emphasized that if the disastrous policy of appeasement had not provided so much freedom of action to the mullahs and the Revolutionary Guards over the past decades, the Iranian regime could not have caused so much bloodshed in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Afghanistan.

She emphasized that in the interest of the Iranian people as well as regional peace and security, the European Union must designate the Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist entity, adding that the ultimate solution to rid the world of the ruling theocracy in Iran is for the Iranian people and the Resistance to change the illegitimate caliphate, cloaked under the veneer of Shia and Islam.

On behalf of the Iranian Resistance which has called for an arms and oil embargo on Iran's religious dictatorship since 1981, Mrs. Rajavi reiterated the need to take the following measures:

1. Recognizing the right of the Iranian people and the Resistance to overthrow the ruling religious fascism and to establish freedom.
2. Placing the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) and other organs of suppression and export of terrorism and fundamentalism on State Department's FTO list as well as on the EU's terror watch list.
3. Expelling the agents of the MOIS and the terrorist Quds Force from the United States and Europe.
4. Referring the dossier on the Iranian regime's human rights violations and the massacre of political prisoners to the United Nations Security Council and the International Court of Justice.
5. Expelling the illegitimate clerical regime from the UN and recognizing the Iranian Resistance as the true representative of the Iranian people.
6. Evicting the Iranian regime and its forces from Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

HONORING REVEREND DR. C. NATHAN EDWERS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, It is my sincere honor to recognize a dear friend, Reverend Dr. Collie Nathan Edwers, who this year celebrates his 30th Pastoral Anniversary at the Friendship Worship Center in Mount Vernon.

Nathan, as he is best known, was born in Newark, New Jersey to the union of Bishop Collie Edwers and the late Mother Dorothy Edwers. He is the third child born to this family of seven. He was raised in the quiet suburban community of North Edison, New Jersey. He was educated in the Edison High School system until his parents relocated to Metuchen, New Jersey during his junior year of High

School. It was during this time of his adolescent years that Nathan felt and responded to the call of God on his life. At the age of sixteen, Nathan preached his initial sermon at St. Mark U.F.W. Baptist Church, the same church where his father baptized him.

Upon High School graduation, Nathan continued his education through the encouragement of his parents. Nathan was directed to pursue his undergraduate education at Northeastern Bible College in Essex Falls, New Jersey. During his senior year of study, Nathan was approached by the officers of Calvary U.F.W. Baptist Church to serve as their next Pastor. In May of 1983, Nathan was elected as their Pastor and assumed that responsibility on the Fifth Sunday. During this time Nathan decided against the advice of his father, to discontinue his education at Northeastern Bible College in order to move full attention to the Church. During his six years tenure as Pastor, Nathan was very fortunate to meet his darling wife, Aro Denise Harper. Out of this union were born two, children, Eric and Sherri. Both of his children are adults and are successful in their life choice career.

In January 1989, Nathan answered the call as the First Family of Little Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church. During his ministry at Friendship Church, the Lord added to his family his son, Eric Nathan Edwers. In October of 1997, Pastor Edwers began the process to acquire Temple Emanuel Jewish Center in Mount Vernon, which was up for sale. In January 1998 the church agreed to modify its name by removing the word "little" from its former name known as "Little Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church". Bishop Edwers led the church into a \$1.3 million dollar relocation expansion program, and on August 16, 1998 he marched the "Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church" and hundreds of friends into their new home, renamed the Friendship Worship Center in September 1998.

Madam Speaker, Friendship Worship has grown by leaps and bounds thanks to Nathan and Denise Edwers. On this special occasion, I want to congratulate the pastor on 30 wonderful years, and thank him for all he has done in the community.

IN MEMORY OF FR. IGNATIUS MATERNOWSKI, CHAPLAIN, 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE 82ND AIRBORNE

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the sacrifice of Fr. Ignatius Maternowski, a Franciscan Friar Conventual and Chaplain to the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne during the Second World War. Fr. Ignatius is the only chaplain killed in action during the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France.

Fr. Ignatius and his regiment parachuted into Normandy at 1:30 a.m. on D-Day, June 6, 1944. In the ensuing days, he and the regiment moved through Normandy and he ministered to the wounded and dead in heavy hedgerow during the fighting. Fr. Ignatius was compassionate and steadfast in his ministry, successfully negotiating with German soldiers

to establish a joint aid station for both German and American soldiers. On June 13th, one week after landing in France, he was killed by a German sniper while trying to find a doctor to treat a wounded comrade.

Fr. Ignatius' story expresses the courage of the brave individuals who served, and who continue to serve, our country as military chaplains. These individuals share in the sacrifice of our men and women in the Armed Forces and on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the constituents of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I am proud to honor the heroism of one such as Fr. Ignatius Maternowski.

HONORING APRIL BLANKENSHIP

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of April Blankenship, a longtime and outstanding staffer for the Committee on Ways and Means and my personal office, who passed away this morning.

April is a tireless, trusted colleague and a friend to so many. In her many years of service on Capitol Hill, she has been a key part of dozens of personal and committee offices, including both my personal office and the staff of the Committee on Ways and Means. She handled issues that involve sensitive personnel matters with grace, precision, confidentiality, and a deft personal touch. She dealt with numbers, but really what she managed was people—the people and committees that help run this place on behalf of taxpayers. And she did it all with a smile on her face and a joy for service. April is one of the true unsung heroes around these halls, and I am proud to call her a trusted colleague and friend.

Beyond her many professional skills and accomplishments, I know April is even more proud of her role as a mother. Whether helping her sons, Hunter, Dakota, and Tucker, sell Boy Scout candy to friends and colleagues or bragging on the boys' achievements in school or church groups, her smile told you all you needed to know—that she was an intensely proud mother, and rightfully so. She also invested her deep faith in her family, and I know that faith has helped maintain her through the years she has heroically battled her illness.

On behalf of the entire Committee on Ways and Means, I offer our sincerest condolences to Tim, Hunter, Dakota, Tucker and her entire family on April's passing. I thank them for sharing April with us for so many years of outstanding service to the Committee, its Members, and our great country.

HONORING PETER SWIDERSKI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a dedicated public servant and good friend, Peter Swiderski. Peter served as Mayor of the Village of Hastings for many years, and his exceptional work will leave a lasting positive impact on the community.

Peter has always believed deeply in our democracy and the power of public service. That's why he ran for Mayor of Hastings some 16 years ago. His slogan, "Hastings Forward!" spoke to his consistent commitment to progress. Though he took over during difficult financial times for the village, Peter was able to deftly navigate the choppy economic waters. Abandoned buildings from Hastings' industrial past were replaced with storefronts that our now local hot spots. The beautiful waterfront hugging the Hastings coastline has been revitalized. Parks that were once run down have been transformed. All of this happened under Peter's leadership, and all of it happened while the village's finances steadily improved. Peter grew the Hastings' rainy-day fund to \$2 million, which has meant investments in infrastructure and funding for first responders can be met. But beyond quality of life and economic development, Peter also managed to focus on growing affordable housing options for residents, encourages local sustainability initiatives, and even started a Deer Immunocontraception Research Program. How many local municipalities can say that?

After 16 successful years, Peter chose not to run for reelection as Mayor of Hastings. Though the village is now in the excellent care of new Mayor Nicola Armacost, we will all miss Peter leading the way in Hastings. As a partner in government, Peter was exceptional to work with across the board. I want to congratulate him on the years of hard work and thank him for his ceaseless dedication to the Hastings community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JERRY CUSTIN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local leader who has made a tremendous impact in the Tampa Bay area through a lifetime of public service. Colonel Jerry Custin USAF (Ret.) proudly served our nation in the United States Air Force during which he received advanced training, flew 130 combat missions over Laos and Vietnam, and conducted defense analysis. He earned both the Defense Superior Service Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross while serving in the United States Air Force. He also worked with the National Security Agency, and completed his thirty-year career in public service as the Director of the Office of Electronic Intelligence, and the Chairman of the National Electronic Intelligence Group.

After retirement, Jerry continued to serve our community. He worked as an Outreach Counselor for economically disadvantaged youth through the Pinellas Workforce Development Board. He then became the Business Assistance Specialist for the Oldsmar Chamber of Commerce, where he helped expand its footprint into Hillsborough and Pasco counties reconstituting the organization as the Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce. He later served as President/CEO of the Chamber and developed the Florida Suncoast Manufacturing Association (FSMA) which effectively serves Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas

Counties. Both organizations endeavor to enhance the regional workforce and ensure that students are trained for post-secondary success. With a fervent belief that the robust manufacturing sector in the community—comprising nearly a third of area jobs and tax base—could benefit by more technically oriented services addressing current manufacturing practices and standards, increasingly skilled workforce requirements and a more comprehensive understanding of the availability of the varied products and services offered across our local manufacturing base, Colonel Custin has been instrumental in meeting those needs through his work at FSMA.

On a personal note, Jerry is a trusted friend and advisor. Whether in the Florida Legislature or my time in the U.S. Congress, Jerry has been my go-to guy on issues related to workforce, manufacturing, and the federal budget among other subject matters. His unrivaled work ethic, strength of character and commitment to service is why he is held in such high esteem in his beloved Oldsmar community. I am honored to have him as a constituent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I along with Representative BUSTOS, would like to recognize the 50th anniversary of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM).

The AAHAM was founded in 1968 and incorporated on February 20, 1973. The organization is dedicated to educating and advocating for revenue cycle professionals who work with healthcare patient accounts across the country. It has grown to represent thirty-one chapters with over 3,000 members and is one of the best healthcare administrative management organizations serving patients throughout the United States. Over its 50 years, AAHAM has grown from serving hospital patient account managers to representing professionals who serve across the healthcare spectrum. They have made great contributions to the welfare of patients and have fostered a sense of fellowship and work to enhance the quality of life for all patients navigating healthcare financing.

Their strong and dedicated leaders and membership have made the long tenure of AAHAM possible and we are proud to congratulate them on their 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AT CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL FOR SUCCESS IN C-SPAN STUDENT CAM 2019

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor Eriel

Gaylord, Sammy Saldana, and Melany Davila, from Conrad Weiser High School in Robeson, Pennsylvania. These students participated in the 2019 National C-SPAN Student Cam Video Contest, and out of 3,000 entries, their five-minute entry entitled, "America's Homeless," earned them an honorable mention.

This was certainly a profile in courage, as one of the students, Eriel Gaylord, bravely shared her experience with homelessness. In telling her story, Eriel helped to raise awareness and educate others on the many challenges faced by homeless youth—while encouraging other individuals and families, who face similar challenges, to take advantage of the resources available in our communities to help them obtain housing security.

Each American faces their own challenges and pursues their own passions; resilience, however, is a defining characteristic of Pennsylvania's Ninth District. No matter the challenges we face, the determination with which we rise to meet them defines us more than our trials themselves.

Eriel's story and the context in which it is presented should inspire each of us. Although it is troubling that such daunting challenges face young people in my own district, I am inspired by their engagement, advocacy, and passion. It is an honor to recognize Eriel's bravery, and the work of these students. May they continue to engage their passions, pursue solutions, and showcase American resilience.

HONORING MIKE GRECO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor the life of a Bronx icon, Mike Greco, the longtime owner of the famous "Mike's Deli" on Arthur Avenue, who passed away in late March at the age of 89.

Also known as the "Salamo King" and "Mayor of Arthur Avenue," Mike was a legend in the community. Born on May 8, 1929 to Luigi and Luisa Felice Greco, he came to America in 1947 from his home in Calabria, Italy with his twin brother, Joe, in a new suit and \$50 dollars to his name. He moved to the Bronx, began working in a butcher shop, and by the early 1950s had opened his very open deli on Arthur Avenue.

Mike worked seven days a week starting at 6 a.m. to build Mike's Deli into the huge destination it became. For six decades, people from all over made the pilgrimage to visit, for both the wonderful food and for Mike himself. As the New York Times wrote, "Mr. Greco was larger than life." The big personality, the singing, the friendly banter was all part of his mystique.

Of course, personality wasn't the only draw to Mike's Deli. The food was renowned. A well-earned reputation for quality preceded Mike's, with such favorites as the imported cheese, sometimes aged for as long as 36 months, leading the way. Mike's eggplant parm is so delicious that it beat all the competition on an episode of Food Network's "Throwdown With Bobby Flay." Mike's fame also extended to television, where he appeared in a Ronzi commercial filmed on Arthur